

**NO** NEGLECTED  
TO TROPICAL  
DISEASES

# CHAMPIONS OF THE NO TO NTDs MOVEMENT





***I would like to thank all those who have supported and have been so pivotal to the No to NTD movement, as we work to increase awareness, prioritization and national commitment to accelerate the control and elimination of NTDs in Africa.***

***Our champions and partners work with us to make NTD control and elimination a reality in Africa. Let's accelerate our collective action to beat NTDs!***

***Yacine Djibo,***  
*Executive Director of Speak Up Africa*

For too long, neglected tropical diseases have been associated with the economic situation of our developing countries. Yet the cost of annual treatment is no more than 290 FCFA per person. We have all the tools we need to achieve elimination. It is no longer acceptable to continue to consider these diseases as neglected.

*His Excellency  
Mahamadou Issoufou  
Président of Niger*

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**I am supporting Speak Up Africa's "No to NTDs" program because  
I believe no man, woman or child should have to experience these  
diseases and have their future taken away from them by  
something which is entirely preventable and treatable.**

***H.E John A. Kufuor***  
*Former President of Ghana*

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The burden of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) often falls most heavily on the most vulnerable and poorest in society, who don't have access to national packages of health and policies. Together, let's declare "No to NTDs" to put an end to these diseases and ensure no one is left behind.

*Her Excellency Aissata Issoufou Mahamadou*  
First Lady of Niger

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**Increasing sustainable water and sanitation services is  
central to the prevention, control and elimination of  
neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Today, I declare  
"No to NTDs" and yes to sustainable and accessible  
sanitation for all!**

***Her Excellency Mrs Sika Bella Kaboré***  
*First Lady of Burkina Faso*

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**Collaboration has always been essential to solving any large-scale public health problem. I strongly encourage all African countries to join this movement and adopt a people-centred approach to eliminating NTDs.**

***Dr Diane Gashumba***  
*Minister of Health, Rwanda*

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**By fighting these diseases, we are fighting for better  
educational outcomes and better health for children.**

***Pr Awa Marie Coll-Seck***  
*Minister of State of the Republic of Senegal*

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I believe that campaigns, such as No to NTDs , who involve governments, technical partners and civil society, are essential to move us closer to our goal of eliminating NTDs.

***Pr Nicolas Meda***

*Special Advisor to Burkina Faso President Leading  
The Human Capital Development Portfolio*

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**With over 1.5 billion people still needing help, including about 60 million in Africa, this is not the time to slow down. Rather, it's time to ramp up our efforts and take advantage of this opportunity to eliminate NTDs once and for all. This would be a historic legacy of our generation.**

***Dr Matshidiso Moeti***  
*Regional Director of the  
WHO Regional Office for Africa*

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**Inadequate access to WASH services and treatment for NTDs are signs of inequity. By improving one, we can help to eliminate the other.**

**The year 2020 is crucial in the fight against NTDs and I encourage everyone to take action and join the "No to NTDs" movement.**

***Dr Mwelecele Ntuli Malecela***  
*Director, WHO Department of Control  
of Neglected Tropical Diseases*

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**Every person should be able to access the quality health services that they need without facing financial hardship.**

**Accessing donated NTD medicines without out of pocket cost is critical. NTD interventions are fundamental to achieve**

**Universal Health Coverage once and for all, protecting not**

**only women, but everyone, everywhere.**

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***Dr Maria Rebollo Polo***  
*ESPEN Team Leader*





**Africa bears 92% of the malaria burden, and almost 40% of the global burden of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). This is unacceptable! Let us join our voices and efforts to say #NoToNTDs and declare Zero Malaria! I Pledge today !**

***Dr. Adbourahmane Diallo***  
*C.E.O of the RBM Partnership to End Malaria*

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À maintes reprises, notre beau continent a constaté que nous sommes plus forts lorsque nous agissons ensemble. Ce combat n'est pas différent, c'est pourquoi je suis fier de prêter ma voix à la lutte contre les maladies tropicales négligées (MTN). Je vous demande aujourd'hui de vous joindre à moi, pour que tous ensemble, nous disions « Non aux MTN ».

***Youssou N'dour***  
*Artist*

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***Didier Drogba***  
*Athlete*

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**Voices and actions matter in the fight against diseases that are labeled as “neglected”. On this first ever world NTD Day, I am delighted to join my voice to the “No to NTDs” movement and walk the talk to put an end to Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).**

***Carl Manlan***

*Board Member of Uniting to Combat NTDs*

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# THE NO TO NTDs CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK

Africa's first civil society network against Neglected Tropical Diseases – Civil Society Says No to NTDs is a coalition which provides a platform for CSOs to consult and collaborate to maximize their efforts in fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases, particularly around their aim of increasing sustainable funding for NTD control programs in NTD-affected countries.

## Founding members of the Civil Society Say No to NTDs Network include

- Alliance Nationale des Jeunes pour la Santé de la Reproduction et de la Planification Familiale (ANJ-SR-pf)
- Environnement, Communautés, Santé et Sécurité (ECOSS)
- Hope for African Children Initiative (HACI)
- Contribution au Développement Rural (CDR)
- Union pour le Développement et la Coopération (UDEEC)
- Jeunesse Secours

## Key objectives include

- Creating a connected, integrated, collaborative African CSO network
- Building CSO capacity to develop and implement locally relevant advocacy strategies
- Engaging parliamentarians and local elected officials on policy and financing for sustainable NTD control and elimination programs





**SPECIAL MENTION TO ALL MINISTRIES  
OF HEALTH AND NTD CONTROL  
AND ELIMINATION PROGRAMS.**

**Your work is invaluable!**

# THE NO TO NTDs MOVEMENT

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## The No to NTDs movement

In November 2018, the No to NTD movement was launched. Through this movement, individuals, political leaders, private sector companies and civil society organizations (CSOs) come together to increase awareness, prioritization and national commitment to accelerate the control and elimination of NTDs in Africa.

NTDs are a group of communicable diseases that affect more than 1.5 billion people globally, 39% of whom live in Africa. Even though these diseases can be prevented and treated, they continue to cause severe disfigurement and other long-term disabilities that create obstacles to education, employment, economic growth and overall development.

**Combating NTDs and reaching all communities in need can put countries on the pathway to achieving universal health coverage. Where there is poverty, NTDs are commonly an accepted part of life. But this is not inevitable, nor should we accept it. In this sense, the campaign aims to:**

- 1.** Increase overall political engagement to NTDs to increase domestic resources for NTDs;
- 2.** Build the capacity of civil society organizations to make NTD decision-making spaces more inclusive;
- 3.** Create an enabling environment at the national level for increased prioritization of NTD elimination.



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To join the No to NTD movement, and for more information, please visit

**[HTTPS://WWW.NOTONTDS.ORG/](https://www.notontds.org/)**

and spread the word through social media using the hashtags

**#NOTONTDS**

and

**#NONAUXMTN**

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AS WE SAY #NOTONTDS !**



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